

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| Appln No.: | 10/698,272 |) | |
| | |) | Confirmation No. 1627 |
| Applicants: | Michael Borella et al. |) | |
| | |) | |
| Filed: | October 31, 2003 |) | This document was electronically filed |
| | |) | on December 6, 2007 using the |
| For: | AUTHENTICATION AND/OR |) | USPTO's EFS-Website. |
| | BILLING MEDIATION SERVICE |) | |
| | APPARATUS AND METHOD |) | |
| | |) | |
| TC/A.U.: | 2196 |) | |
| | |) | |
| Examiner: | Beatrice L. Koempel Thomas |) | |
| | |) | |
| Docket No.: | 7793/79512 |) | |
| | |) | |
| Customer No.: | 22242 |) | |

DECLARATION OF WENSHUN TIAN

I, the undersigned, hereby state, declare, and affirm, under penalty of law, as follows:

1) I am employed by UTStarcom. I have a degree in EE which I received in 1983. I am a person skilled in the technical field of Internet Protocol (IP) compatible sessions including authentication and billing activities.

2) I have read the specification for the above-captioned patent application. I note that both the technical description and the claims use the expression "session initiation protocol." As a person skilled in the technical field of Internet Protocol compatible sessions, this expression is well known to me and is clearly and unambiguously understood to refer to an application-layer control (signaling) protocol for creating, modifying, and terminating sessions with one or more participants as defined by the Internet Engineering Taskforce (IETF) at RFC 3261.

3) I am also familiar with other communications protocols. Many of these protocols, including the Link Control Protocol (LCP), are capable of establishing a connection. Notwithstanding such a capability, I would not confuse the expression "session initiation

Application No. 10/698,272
Declaration dated December XX, 2007

protocol" in the above-captioned patent application with such protocols and I specifically would not read "session initiation protocol" as somehow referring to LCP.

4) I am also of the opinion that other persons skilled in the technical field of Internet Protocol compatible sessions would agree with the statements made above.

5) All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true. These statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Wenshun Tian

Date: December 06, 2007